



# Distillate Watch

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## SUPPLY

- Total distillate inventory increased for the fourth consecutive week to 110.7 million barrels (MMB) for the week ending July 28, 2000. Distillate stocks increased 0.3 MMB from the previous week but were 26.0 MMB less than last year. Heating oil inventory at 41.5 MMB accounted for all of the increase, climbing by 0.5 MMB for the week but 24.8 MMB below a year ago. Low sulfur stock was 69.2 MMB, 0.2 MMB lower than last week and 1.2 MMB below last year's level. Total distillate production was unchanged at 3.6 million barrels per day (MMBD) with heating oil production rising by 59 thousand barrels per day. Imports decreased slightly, staying at 0.1 MMBD while demand rose by 0.1 MMBD to 3.5 million barrels per day.
- Crude oil input to U.S. refineries remained at 15.8 MMBD last week with refiners utilizing 99.8 percent of 15.9 MMBD in operating capacity.

### Distillate Production by Petroleum Administration for Defense District (Thousand Barrels per Day)

District	Total Distillate Week Ending					Low Sulfur (0.05% or less Sulfur) Week Ending				
	07/07/00	07/14/00	07/21/00	07/28/00	07/30/99	07/07/00	07/14/00	07/21/00	07/28/00	07/30/99
East Coast (PADD I)	516	435	478	471	440	274	216	262	227	256
Midwest (PADD II)	908	855	847	907	853	660	692	630	715	647
Gulf Coast (PADD III)	1,622	1,566	1,640	1,612	1,562	1,129	1,137	1,143	1,021	995
Rocky Mountain (PADD IV)	141	141	154	154	139	112	118	122	124	112
West Coast (PADD V)	476	485	489	471	490	366	359	349	367	385
U.S. Total	3,663	3,482	3,608	3,615	3,484	2,541	2,522	2,506	2,454	2,395

### Distillate Stocks by Petroleum Administration for Defense District (Million Barrels)

District	Total Distillate Week Ending					Low Sulfur (0.05% or less Sulfur) Week Ending				
	07/07/00	07/14/00	07/21/00	07/28/00	07/28/99	07/07/00	07/14/00	07/21/00	07/28/00	07/28/99
East Coast (PADD I)	34.2	34.3	35.3	33.8	62.0	15.8	15.4	15.0	14.4	19.0
PADD IX	3.9	4.2	4.4	4.8	NA	1.3	1.1	1.1	1.2	NA
PADD IY	18.4	18.4	20.3	18.9	NA	6.7	6.7	7.2	6.9	NA
PADD IZ	11.9	11.6	10.6	10.0	NA	7.7	7.5	6.6	6.3	NA
Midwest (PADD II)	29.8	31.1	30.7	31.1	31.2	21.3	22.7	21.9	22.9	21.3
Gulf Coast (PADD III)	29.5	29.1	29.9	31.3	30.7	20.7	20.9	20.9	20.1	20.2
Rocky Mountain (PADD IV)	3.2	3.1	3.0	3.0	2.6	2.8	2.7	2.6	2.6	2.1
West Coast (PADD V)	11.8	11.7	11.4	11.6	10.3	9.3	9.3	9.0	9.3	7.7
U.S. Total	108.5	109.3	110.4	110.7	136.7	69.9	70.9	69.4	69.2	70.4

\* See the *Weekly Petroleum Status Report* Appendix A for a description of the derivation of average inventory levels. For information about distillate supply data, contact the National Energy Information Center at (202)586-8800. Internet: [Infoctr@eia.doe.gov](mailto:Infoctr@eia.doe.gov). Source: Energy Information Administration, Weekly Petroleum Status Report (WPSR). Year-ago production data taken from comparable week last year; year-ago stock data interpolated from final Petroleum Supply Monthly data.

## PRICES

- Distillate spot and futures prices rose moderately but steadily last week, amid delays and uncertainties surrounding Saudi Arabia's proposal to increase crude oil production in August. Although crude oil price gains were limited by reports that Algeria would also raise output, distillate prices continued to reflect expectations of relatively tight supplies for the coming heating season. The New York Harbor spot price for heating oil rose 3.38 cents for the week to 77.83 cents per gallon, while the Los Angeles CARB diesel fuel spot price increased 3.00 cents to 90.50 cents per gallon.
- The national average retail on-highway diesel fuel price fell for the fourth consecutive week, dropping 1.6 cents to 140.8 cents per gallon as of July 31, 2000. The average price was 26.2 cents per gallon higher than a year ago, but the lowest since May 8, 2000. Prices fell in every region east of the Rockies, while rising slightly in PADD IV and in California.

### No. 2 Distillate Spot Prices by City (Cents per Gallon)

City	Low-Sulfur Distillate					High-Sulfur Distillate				
	07/10/00	07/17/00	07/24/00	07/31/00	08/02/99	07/10/00	07/17/00	07/24/00	07/31/00	08/02/99
New York	80.42	80.57	76.65	<b>80.56</b>	54.03	77.80	78.73	74.45	<b>77.83</b>	51.73
Chicago	82.17	80.35	73.40	<b>76.68</b>	54.73	NA	NA	NA	<b>NA</b>	NA
Houston	78.30	78.28	74.40	<b>75.75</b>	52.18	77.30	76.73	72.55	<b>73.30</b>	49.48
Los Angeles (CARB)	89.00	89.00	87.50	<b>90.50</b>	79.00	NA	NA	NA	<b>NA</b>	NA

Source: Reuters Information Services.

### No. 2 Distillate Retail Prices by Petroleum Administration for Defense District (Cents per Gallon, Including Taxes\*)

District	On-Highway Diesel Fuel					Residential Heating Oil				
	07/10/00	07/17/00	07/24/00	07/31/00	08/02/99	07/10/00	07/17/00	07/24/00	07/31/00	08/02/99
East Coast (PADD I)	145.1	144.3	143.5	<b>141.8</b>	112.6	<div>Prices Available During Heating Season Only (October through March)</div>				
PADD IX	152.5	152.2	151.9	<b>151.5</b>	118.0					
PADD IY	153.8	152.8	151.5	<b>149.8</b>	119.7					
PADD IZ	140.7	140.0	139.3	<b>137.5</b>	109.0					
Midwest (PADD II)	144.2	142.2	140.7	<b>137.8</b>	111.7					
Gulf Coast (PADD III)	140.2	138.9	138.0	<b>137.5</b>	111.1					
Rocky Mountain (PADD IV)	148.3	147.7	145.2	<b>146.6</b>	122.2					
West Coast (PADD V)	153.2	151.6	151.3	<b>150.7</b>	132.1					
California	159.2	157.7	158.0	<b>158.3</b>	143.9					
U.S. Average**	144.9	143.5	142.4	<b>140.8</b>	114.6					

Source: Diesel Fuel prices: Energy Information Administration, Form EIA-888, On-Highway Diesel Price Survey; Residential Heating Oil prices for PADDs I and II: from data supplied by 21 State Energy Offices (SHOPP prices) from October through mid-March.

\* Taxes, if any, are not included in residential heating oil prices.

\*\* Residential heating oil average is for PADDs I and II only.

NA =Not Available.

For information about distillate spot and diesel fuel retail price data, contact the National Energy Information Center: 202-586-8800; Internet: Infoctr@eia.doe.gov.